

REMARKS

Claims 21-27 and 29-38 are rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Petre et al. (WO 93/24148) in view of Arminjon AU 708777. As noted in the Office Action mailed February 7, 2005, claim 23 is free of the prior art. Applicants maintain that the claims are not obvious over Petre et al. in view of Arminjon for the reasons detailed in their previously-filed appeal brief as well as the additional arguments and evidence submitted with the Response to the Office Action that was submitted November 12, 2004. However, solely in order to expedite prosecution, claim 21 has been amended to encompass the limitation of claim 23. Applicants are not relinquishing the right to pursue claim 21, as previously presented, in future related applications. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render the claims obvious. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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